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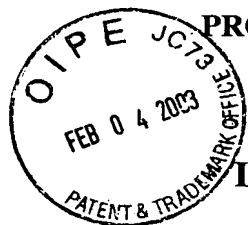
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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. The following application is a commonly owned, co-pending application:

U.S. Pat. Appl. SN 10/158,188, filed May 31, 2002 – Baku Kakuda et al.

The above-mentioned application is considered proprietary and is listed for consideration in accordance with M.P.E.P. §724.

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b) prior to the mailing date of the first official action.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The above-mentioned application is being disclosed as a possible related co-pending U.S. application. Applicants respectfully request that the listed application be considered by the Examiner, but that such application be treated as proprietary information in accordance with M.P.E.P. §724.

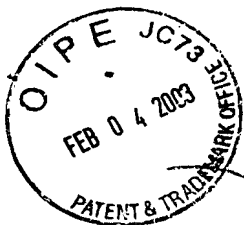
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Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of a document known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

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Document B1 is a photograph of LATCH retrofit kits. These kits were known to applicants' assignee at a date presently undetermined, but believed to be not later than the effective filing date of the present application. Applicants are willing to send a sample of each kit to the examiner for inspection, should the examiner so desire, provided applicants have possession of, or can acquire, such samples.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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